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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN LABOR MOVEMENT AND SPAIN

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1. IN MEETING WITH NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO)
PRESIDENT TOR ASPENGREN SPETEMBE 23, AMEBASSADOR EX-
PRESSED POSITIVE INTEREST IN NORWEGIAN LABOR MOVEMENT
ASSISTANCE TO SPANISH OPPOSITION GROUPS. ASPENGREN
TOLD AMBASSADOR AND LABATT THAT NORWAY HAS LEARNED FROM
PORTUGAL AND WILL EMPHASIZE LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR FUTURE
DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT, RATHER THAN IMMEDIATE OUSTER OF
FRANCO. ASPENGREN SAID NORWAY IS MOST ACTIVE AMONG
NORDIC IN HELPING SPANISH OPPOSITIONISTS; ONLY
NORWAY'S LABOR MOVEMENT HAS SPECIAL "SPAIN COMMITTEE".
THROUGH IT, LO AND LABOR PARTY MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH
SISTER ORGANIZATIONS; TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION UGT
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AND SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY (PSOE), BOTH IN EXILE AND

WITHIN SPAIN. SPAIN COMMITTEE BRINGS SPANISH
OPPOSITIONISTS HERE, LATEST BEING YOUTH GROUP, HE SAID.
PROBLEM IS TO KNOW WHO IS WHO IN SPAIN AND HAVE TRUSTED
CONTACTS ALREADY IN PLACE TO TRANSFER RESOURCES TO
RIGHT PEOPLE AT RIGHT MOMENT. NOW SUCH A SITUATION
EXISTS IN PORTUGAL, HE ADDED, BUT IN EARLY DAYS IT
DIDN'T.

2. LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY KAARE SANDEGREN EARLIER
TOLD LABATT THAT, PORTUGAL EXPERIENCE, LO FEELS
IT NECESSARY NOW TO STEP UP ACTIVITIES WITH SPANISH
OPPOSITION GROUPS AND, PARTICULARLY, TO PUBLICIZE THEM
MORE (REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: ASPENGREN WAS RETIEENT AT FIRST, BUT
OPENED UP AFTER AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED
OUR INTEREST IN CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
AND ASPENGREN AND SANDEGREN RESPONDED POSITIVELY.
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